

the groundwork for another century of American leadership on the world stage. It passed with nearly 70 votes—an overwhelming and rare display of bipartisan support. As I mentioned yesterday, we are going to work with Speaker PELOSI and the relevant committee chairs in the House to move this bill forward as quickly as possible. It is vital to our Nation's future that the House and Senate must come together to send President Biden a bill that he can sign into law.

The Senate also confirmed the first judicial appointments of President Biden's tenure—two district court judges—and we will confirm a third today, the first Muslim American to serve as an article III judge in our history. On Monday, the Senate will confirm President Biden's first circuit court nominee, the amazing Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson, and next week, this Chamber will take up additional, highly qualified nominees to the executive branch, including Lina Khan for the Federal Trade Commission and several others.

The Senate Democratic majority will move swiftly to perform our constitutional duty to advise and consent on the President's nominees.

RANSOMWARE

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, on another matter, ransomware, over the past few months, there have been a number of high-profile cyber attacks against the U.S. Government, American businesses, and critical infrastructure. From the cyber winds attack last year to a ransomware attack on the city of Baltimore and the Colonial Pipeline, cyber crime is a real and growing threat.

Just last week, the MTA, our vast subway system in New York, was the victim of an attack.

While the Attorney General has announced an intensified effort to combat this scourge of ransomware attacks, we in Congress have a responsibility to conduct oversight and determine whether our government needs an additional authority and resource to take the fight to cyber criminals and foreign intelligence services.

Congress must ensure that Federal Agencies, like the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, have the necessary resources to take on this growing threat and support State and local governments under assault. So earlier this week, I called for Congress to increase CISA'S budget by \$500 million to fight this growing threat, and today I am asking Chairman PETERS—GARY PETERS of our Homeland Security Committee—and the other relevant committee chairs to begin a government-wide review of these attacks and determine what legislation may be needed to counter the threat of cyber crime and bring the fight to the cyber criminals.

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, on one final matter, I want my colleagues to be aware of the number “29 percent.” That is the percentage of Republican voters who believe that President Trump will be “reinstated” as President later this summer—29 percent. Almost a third of Republican voters believe he will be reinstated as President. According to that recent poll by Morning Consult, nearly a third—nearly a third—of Republican voters believe Donald Trump will be reinstated.

Of course, the idea of “reinstatement” comes from the disgraced former President Trump himself and is nothing more than the deluded ramblings of a defeated politician. But it is a glaring warning that the Big Lie has created fertile ground for all sorts of insane conspiracy.

It is a depressing fact of our times that there is an audience out there who will literally believe anything the former President says, no matter how unrealistic or untrue. They believe him when he just abjectly lies.

The blame here, however, does not rest only with the former President. The blame falls heavily on Washington Republicans and the political right who have not done enough to stand up to the Big Lie.

After making a few brave noises in the wake of January 6, Republican leadership here in Washington now seems to have traded political courage and truth for appeasement.

The Republican minority leader in the House called Donald Trump “morally responsible” for the attack on January 6. He empowered his deputies to take part in painstaking negotiations to establish an independent commission to study those events and then promptly voted against it. He convened his entire conference to deliver a pink slip to the one Member of his leadership team who dared repeat the truth that President Biden is the President.

Here in the Senate, the Republican leader gave a strong speech on January 6 and was willing to hold Donald Trump responsible for what happened that day. Several months later, however, the Republican leader whipped his Members into a partisan filibuster of an independent commission, which he called a “purely political exercise.”

The Republican Party is now wrapped around the axle of the Big Lie, and a big reason why is that Republican leaders are unwilling to move on from Trumpism.

We are watching the results play out in State after State, where Republican legislatures have swallowed the Big Lie whole and are rapidly constricting the right to vote and fumbling through old ballots for traces of bamboo.

The truth is, the Big Lie has consequences. It erodes our trust in elections, faith in our democracy, and it is gnawing away at the very right to vote in America.

After 4 long years during which the Republican Party foolishly tried to

ride the tiger of Donald Trump, it seems as though many of them wound up inside.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HICKENLOOPER). Without objection, it is so ordered.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

CONCLUSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Morning business is closed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will proceed to executive session to resume consideration of the following nomination, which the clerk will report.

The bill clerk read the nomination of Zahid N. Quraishi, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey.

ELLSWORTH AIR FORCE BASE

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, last night, the Air Force announced some historic news for South Dakota, and today I am proud to share that Ellsworth Air Force Base in Western South Dakota has been officially named Main Operating Base 1 for the future B-21 Bomber, home of the Raider. This designation not only means that Ellsworth will be the first base to host the B-21 Raider, but it will also host the formal training unit and the first operational squadron.

Those who have heard me talk about the importance of this decision likely know the outlook for the base wasn't so rosy 16 years ago. I had just arrived here in the Senate in 2005 when Ellsworth was placed on the base realignment and closure, or BRAC, list that May. It was an all-hands effort by the congressional delegation and Ellsworth and State and community leaders to make the case to the Bush administration and to the BRAC Commission to remove Ellsworth from the closure list.

Many thought South Dakota might not have the clout to make this stand; that we didn't wield enough influence. We were only given about a 12-percent odds of pulling through, but we were determined that we weren't going to lose Ellsworth.

We started by challenging the cost-savings assumptions of the BRAC Commission, which began to unravel under